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YOU JUST DON'T KNOW —

what you are missing! The sun shone from a clear blue sky onto the terrace of the Lyford House at Richardson Bay, the cheese was perfectly ripe, the wine was unusually interesting and abundant, and the band played wonderful jazz renditions of your favorite tunes under the direction of Peter Allen. In all, a splendid afternoon was spent by members to benefit Audubon Canyon Ranch. It was also a time to welcome new board members and bid farewell to those leaving. Both Harold Gilliam and Mary Lee Jefferds were there to receive their conservation award certificates, as well as framed Audubon cover prints. Many, many thanks to George Peyton who donated the wine, some from his own treasured cellar, to Peter Allen and his fine musicians (many GGAS members), and to Hazel Houston, our retiring Hostess (with the mostest), — and to dishwashers, wine-stewards, and cookie bakers. Don't miss it next year.

— OBSERVER

THE GULL RETURNS
TO ELEVEN ISSUES

Last year the GGAS Board reluctantly reduced The Gull from eleven to ten issues per year and limited the number of pages for the year. This was done in the face of rising costs and declining income. Declining membership was the cause of lost income. While costs have again increased, a reversal of this membership trend has put the chapter in the position to resume publishing every month with a July-August issue to carry us over the summer. There will, necessarily, be a limitation on the size of the publication.

The present membership of the chapter is about 6000, a gain of about a thousand over a year, attributable to National Audubon's activities to recruit new members. GGAS has also produced a recruitment envelope, copies of which are available at the office. The good news is offset by can you guess?—the bad news? GGAS does not share in the first year's dues payment, unless the new member was recruited by the chapter. If you would add to our revenues, be sure to order new memberships from your chapter, GGAS.

FIELD TRIPS CALENDAR

Sunday, July 7 — Chimney Rock.
See June Gull.

Saturday/Sunday, July 13/14 — Lee Vining Canyon, Mono Lake and Tioga Pass. On Saturday, meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Bend campground three miles west of Lee Vining on Hwy. 120. Sunday's meeting place will be decided on Saturday. From the Bay Area, take your favorite route to Yosemite National Park. Take Hwy. 120 over Tioga Pass and down the east side of the Sierra to the town of Lee Vining or to one of the Forest Service camps west of the town.

Be prepared for hot bright sun and/or cold wind and rain. The elevation of the basin is 6400 ft. and the temperature may drop at night. We will bird in Lee Vining, Mono Lake and other areas. Be prepared to caravan to the various birding spots. Bring lunches for both days. This trip is limited to 20 people. Call Jon Zablackis (235-9150 eves) for reservations.

Forest Service campgrounds are available southwest of Lee Vining in Lee Vining Canyon and north of town in Lundy Canyon. Motels in Lee Vining include: Best Western Lake View Motel (714-647-6543), Gateway Motel (714 647-6467), and Murphey's Motel (714-647-6316). Leader: Jon Zablackis. \$ (✓)

Saturday/Sunday, July 27/28—Yosemite Alpine Ecology. On Saturday we explore one of the most spectacular areas for wildflowers and scenery in the High Sierra, hiking down Lundy Canyon from the crest toward Mono Lake, passing through several life zones and by various waterfalls, and

ending at a series of beaver ponds. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the junction of Tioga Pass Road (Hwy. 120) and the Saddlebag Lake Road (several miles to the east of Tioga Pass on Hwy. 120). We will take boats across Saddlebag Lake (\$1-2 charge), hike briefly uphill to Lundy Pass, and then five to six miles downhill. We will need three or four volunteers to leave their cars at bottom of Lundy Canyon to ferry everyone out at the end of the hike; those willing to volunteer should call the leader before the trip.

On Sunday, we will have a shorter hike, but more uphill, to Cathedral Lake and possibly Lake of the Domes. We will return to the cars by mid-afternoon to allow for a reasonably early return to the Bay Area. Birds, flowers and more spectacular scenery will be seen. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Cathedral Lake Trail parking area in Tuolumne Meadows. We will drive a short distance to our secret trail.

Bring lunch, liquids and good hiking boots or shoes (preferable to tennis shoes). Be ready for any type of weather, particularly thunder-showers. Also bring sun protection (hats and sunscreen). This trip is for those in reasonably good shape, who are used to some climbing and can hike at least five or six miles at high altitudes.

It is recommended that you stay in the Lee Vining area by Mono Lake both Friday and Saturday nights. A list of motels and campgrounds is given above in the details for the July 13/14 trip. Our Saturday hike will end in Lundy Canyon. Leader: George Peyton (444-3131 weekdays). \$ (✓)

Sunday, Aug. 4 San Mateo County Coast. Meet at Pescadero Beach park-

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ing lot at the intersection of Hwy. 1 and Pescadero Rd. at 8 a.m. Please call the leader for carpooling information as parking is limited. Bring lunch and a jacket; the weather can be cool along the coast. Brown Pelicans, Heermann's Gull and Black Oystercatchers are probable. We may also see Harlequin Ducks, Black Swifts and Bank Swallows at Ano Nuevo. There is an entrance fee at Ano Nuevo). Leader: Jon Zablackis (235-9150 evenings). \$

Thursday/Sunday, August 8/11
Back-packing Trip to Lassen Volcanic National Park. We will backpack in three miles and spend three nights camped by a lake near a large meadow. We should see mixed flocks of warblers and other songbirds that summer in Lassen, resident birds of the mountains and perhaps some migrating shorebirds. We will be in beautiful country! Everyone will be responsible for his/her own gear and food, although some cooperative meals may be arranged. For details call Robin Pulich (848-3594). This trip is limited to 12 people. Leaders: David Rice and Robin Pulich. \$ (✓)

Saturday, August 17—Moss Landing. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Marina parking lot. Go south on Hwy. 1 to Moss Landing. Turn right (just beyond the PG&E station) at the road to the Marina Science Lab. The parking is just before the one-lane bridge. We will be looking for early migrating shorebirds and elegant terns. Bring snacks and beverages. This trip will end at noon. Leader: Don Starks (408-371-9720). (✓)

Saturday/Sunday, August 31/September 1. California Condor Trip. Since there are thought to be fewer than ten Condors left in the wild, if you are interested in seeing this bird, you should plan to participate in this trip.

On **Saturday**, meet at 8 a.m. at the Valle Vista Campground near the town of Maricopa. From Maricopa, head south on Hwy. 33 to the top of the grade about 9 miles), turn left on Cerro Noroeste Rd. and proceed about 12 miles to the Valle Vista Campground. We will caravan to the site where we will look for Condors. We should also see a variety of other species common to the mountains of California in summer. Be prepared for hot or cold weather. Bring a hat, jacket and sunscreen. Also bring a scope, lunch and liquids both days.

On **Sunday** we will meet at the Valle Vista Campground. Our day's destination will depend on whether or not we were successful in seeing Condors on Saturday.

Camping is available in the Valle Vista Campground (dry campground) and motels are available in Taft.

Leader: Eben McMillan. If you plan to attend, call Shirley Kelly (387-9290) and leave your name, phone number and the number in your party. The trip will be cancelled for bad weather or lack of participants. (✓)

Saturday, September 7 — San Mateo Coast. Meet at Pescadero Beach parking lot at the intersection of Hwy. 1 and Pescadero Rd. at 9 a.m. Please carpool to this point if possible because parking is limited. We will bird at Pescadero in the morning and Ano Nuevo in the afternoon. If you wish to join the group for the afternoon only, meet us at the Ano Nuevo parking lot at 1 p.m. Bring lunch and a light jacket; the weather can be cool along the coast. We will look for migrants along the coast and shorebirds in the mudflats. We will be looking for Pectoral and Baird's Sandpipers, Tattlers and Knots. We may also see Harlequin Ducks at Ano Nuevo. Leader: Ted Chandik (493-5330). \$ (✓)

Saturday/Sunday, September 14/15
—Yosemite National Park. Saturday meet at 8 a.m. at Bridalveil Campground. Sunday meet at 8 a.m. at the Chevron Station at Crane Flat. Bring lunch and liquids on both days. Be prepared for any kind of weather. This trip is limited to 15 people. Call the leader for reservations. Leader: Jon Zablackis (235-9150 evenings). \$ (✓)

Carpooling arrangements can be made for trips marked (✓). Call Kate Partridge at 237-5297 and leave a message. She will contact you.

Trips marked with \$ go to parks or other sites which require an entrance fee.

Problems: If for any reason you have difficulty getting in touch with a field trip leader or need information regarding a trip, call Shirley Kelly (387-8290) or the GGAS office (843-2222).

— FIELD TRIPS COMMITTEE

OBSERVATIONS?

The Dept. of Fish and Game is gathering information on the Black Swift, the Bank Swallow, and the Purple Martin in California to document distribution, abundance, habitat requirements and reproductive success. In addition, threats to habitats of these species are to be documented. Please send reports of recent (within the past decade) sightings of breeding birds of these species to Ronald Schlorff, Dept. of Fish and Game, Nongame Wildlife, 1416 Ninth St. Sacramento CA 95814. Please include your name, address and phone number with the following: location of sightings (with legal description or topographical map), date of observations, behavioral notes, and other relevant information (evidence of competition with other species or destruction of nest sites).

OBSERVATIONS — APRIL AND MAY Through May 24

WATERBIRDS

Four Fork-tailed Storm-Petrels were about five miles off Point Pinos April 28 (SJ). The latest Cattle Egrets reported were two in Berkeley April 4 (DF, EM). Rodeo Lagoon's male Harlequin Duck remained throughout both months. (MP, mob) Four rather late Oldsquaws were at the mouth of Bodega Harbor April 21 (JE). An Osprey at SE Farallon Island May 12 was the first spring record there (PRBO).

A Lesser Golden-Plover inland at Lodi Sewage Ponds through March 28 was rare (DY, et al.). April 16 found a Solitary Sandpiper at Detert Reservoir, Lake Co. (JR, et. al.). Rare in spring was a Baird's Sandpiper at Bolinas Sewage Ponds May 10 (RS). The Rock Sandpiper at Princeton Harbor was last reported April 6 (KH).

April 12 was the last day that the adult **Little Gull** and both adult and immature **Common Black-headed Gulls** were seen at Stockton Sewage Ponds (DY). A **Black Skimmer** stopped at Jetty Road, Moss Landing, May 6 (BiR). Possibly the same bird was the **Black Skimmer** found late the next day at the Alameda South Shore and seen again May 9 (DW, DC).

EASTERN VAGRANTS

May gave a good start to the spring vagrant season. The Memorial Day Weekend wave will be included with the heart of vagrant movement in June.

PRBO reported a Least Flycatcher on SE Farallon April 17, an incredible six weeks early. I can only hope that the observers carefully ruled out the expected Hammond's, Dusky, and Gray Flycatchers, and that PRBO will

send complete documentation to Kurt Campbell for AMERICAN BIRDS.

A male Tennessee Warbler was swished out of the willows at Lake Merced May 5 (JZ). A singing male Northern Parula brightened Battery Wallace May 22 (GH). Two singing male **Yellow-throated Warblers** appeared two days apart: May 12 at Mendoza Ranch, Point Reyes (MM, SM) and May 14 at Summit Road, Berkeley (JT, ET). Another singing male was a Palm Warbler at Olema Marsh April 23 (JE). As usual, an Ovenbird favored SE Farallon, May 17 (PRBO). In its typical vagrant habitat, a Northern Waterthrush visited willows by the small pond at the north end of Bolinas Lagoon May 9 (DE). A singing male Hooded Warbler at San Pedro Valley Park in Pacifica May 20 (SS) preceded by one day a female of this species at SE Farallon (PRBO).

Coyote Hills hosted a male Summer Tanager May 21-22 (WD, et al.). Male Indigo Buntings appeared on SE Farallon May 17 (PRBO) and at Fish Docks, Point Reyes, May 19 (SM, MM, PG). Two Clay-colored Sparrows arrived at SE Farallon May 13 and 15 (PRBO). A Harris, Sparrow lingered in Greenbrae March 31-April 23 (JA, et al.). The rarest easterner for spring was the **Rusty Blackbird** on SE Farallon April 15 (PRBO); previous records are essentially all from October through February.

OTHER LANDBIRDS

A **White-winged Dove** by Rodeo Lagoon May 14 (MP) appears to be our first of spring. The **Spotted Owl** at the Merced National Wildlife Refuge was last reported April 7 (LW). A male Costa's Hummingbird strayed offshore to SE Farallon April 17 (PRBO). Also wandering coastward were Townsend's Solitaires on Mt. Diablo April 9 (MLR) and at Palo-

marin May 7 (fide RS), Brewer's and Vesper Sparrows May 16 and another Vesper May 20 on SE Farallon (all PRBO).

Reminiscent of last year were up to two singing male Black-chinned Sparrows at Pine Mountain Fire Road, Marin Co., April 18-23 (DT, WG, AG). A Grasshopper Sparrow at Garin Regional Park in Hayward April 1 (BR) lends further support to the hypothesis that this species may often arrive earlier than previously thought. The male **Great-tailed Grackle** at San Francisco Aquatic Park was still present May 8 (ME).

Though very unusual, a female plumaged Cassin's Finch by Exeter and Carisbrook in the Oakland Hills May 23 (JL) was not without seasonal precedent. Red Crossbills remained in our area, but in much smaller numbers than during the fall and winter. The largest flock reported to us was 30 at Muir Beach April 4 (LS). Single Lawrence's Goldfinches were west to Briones Regional Park March 31 (MP) and Berkeley May 16 (ET, JT). Fifteen Evening Grosbeaks ate oak buds beside Lafayette Reservoir April 6, and three were in Berkeley April 8-10 (MG).

OBSERVERS:

Jane Anderson, Mark Butler, George Chrisman, Nancy T. Conzett, Debby Cotter, Winston Dines, John Dukant, David Edwards, Mark Eisdorfer, Jules Evens, Carter Faust, Dennis Francis, Albert Ghiorso, Wilma Ghiorso, Bill Gilbert, Michael Green, Peggy Gross, Kem Hainebach, George Hugenberg, Shearwater Journeys, Danielle Lacy, John Luther, many observers (mob), Mark Miller, Steve Miller, Eric Mills, Point Reyes Bird Observatory (Farallon report thanks to Jay F. Penniman), Michael Perrone, Cass Preader, Bill Richardson (BiR), Bob Richmond

(BR), Jean Richmond (JR), Mary Louise Rosegay, Janet Rosen, Larry Silver, Scott Smithson, Richard Stallcup, John Sutake, Chris Swarth, Emery Thomas, Jean Thomas, Dorothy Tobkin, Lucy Wascal, Dennis Wolfe, David Yee, Jon Zablackis.

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CONSERVATION NOTES

Preserve the Berkeley Waterfront

Golden Gate Audubon Society has recently joined with other local environmental groups in the newly formed Eastshore State Park Coalition, a group whose goal is to promote the maximum preservation of open space and development of a continuous shoreline park from Emeryville to Richmond including an Emeryville Crescent Preserve.

Presently the group's objective is facing a stiff challenge from the commercial development plans of the Santa Fe Land Improvement Company, the principal landowner of the shoreline. Thus far, these plans include approximately 4.2 million square feet of office, hotel and retail space at Berkeley's waterfront and two eighteen story towers from the Emeryville Crescent (on the southside of Powell Street). Additional development interests have been asserted by Santa Fe for Albany following the expiration of Santa Fe's lease with Golden Gate Fields.

The cities of Albany, Emeryville and Berkeley are each independently con-

sidering these proposals as well as alternative plans to determine the type of development and land use for the individual waterfront properties under their jurisdictions. The Eastshore State Park Coalition has supported the Sierra Club plan in both Berkeley and Albany, a plan which promotes the maximum retention of open space and protection of the environment, while at the same time recognizing the need for limited commercial development. In conjunction with the preservation of remaining waterfront open space, the coalition hopes to gain support for a state funded park project to ensure permanent protection for this irreplaceable recreational and environmentally aesthetic resource. For East Bay residents, the next few months will be critical in deciding the fate of our front yard on the Bay. By the time the construction starts, it will be too late to react.

For more information about the goals of the Eastshore State Park Coalition or about how you can help support the development of a continuous shoreline park, you are invited to contact Vivian Woo, Coalition consultant at 540-8443 or Barry Nelson at Save-the-Bay Association at 849-3044. If you are interested in the Berkeley planning process, you may contact the Berkeley Planning and Development Department (644-6534) to have your name put on the Waterfront Plan mailing list to receive notices about all further meetings and hearings.

FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976

Reauthorization of the Act is being considered in the Congress. As it stands it does not provide sufficient protection for the habitat needed for the breeding, egg-laying and early

growth period of many of our marine fishes.

Plans should be made to provide and protect wetland areas, the nurseries for fish and shellfish; to control toxic wastes which contaminate the streams, bays and oceans, killing fish and destroying their food; and to control the building of dams which prevent fish from reaching upstream spawning grounds.

The Conservation Committee has written to U.S. Representatives recommending amendments which would require fishery management plans to include habitat needs, would require all federal agencies to judge the effects of their activities on federally-managed fisheries and to modify the effects which would be harmful to habitat, and would clarify citizen's rights to sue the agency for not enforcing provisions of the act. Your letters would be helpful.

WILL THE GOVERNOR KILL THE COASTAL COMMISSION?

**From CALIFORNIA TODAY,
published by the Planning &
Conservation League:**

After relenting a bit in cutting the Coastal Commission in 1984, the Governor went seriously on the attack and slashed away at the Commission in this year's budget. The North Coast office is to be eliminated, though some of the most controversial local coastal plans in that area are yet to be approved. Other major cuts are in the Central Coastal office and at the San Francisco headquarters. At his press conference announcing the budget he clearly stated his intention to eliminate the Commission.

Evidently the Governor has a basic misunderstanding of how the Coastal

Act is supposed to work. He believes that the entire Act should be turned over to local government to administer with no state supervision. He has forgotten that the Act was a response to mismanagement by local government, and that a continuing state role on the Coast was always intended.

The time has come for a massive citizen outpouring of support for the Coastal Commission, or very soon there simply will be no Commission left to protect the Coast. Please write the Governor today and let him know that the Commission must be preserved so that the expressed will of the people can be fulfilled. You can write him at the State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

COMPUPRO DOES IT AGAIN

We don't know what we've done to deserve it, but GGAS was the recipient of yet another gift from CompuPro (recently renamed Viasyn Corporation), the people who gave us our original 816 computer system.

Last month Viasyn upgraded our dual floppy disk system to a 40 megabyte hard disk system, including all attendant software. The addition simplifies maintenance of our large membership file and allows even novice users to feel comfortable with the computer. We hope, now, to interest more members in using its advanced capabilities.

Thank you, Viasyn Corporation (the CompuPro people) for your continued support and extraordinary gifts to GGAS.

BACK YARD BIRDER

Birders come in a variety of forms. There are the closet-types who sidle up to you with pithy queries once

you've announced your interest. There are the dedicated life-listeners who spare no expense seeking an elusive species and who can tell you the exact number of birds on their lists at any given moment. There are the thrill-seeking chasers of rare birds, anxious to spy on any bird in an unexpected locale. And, of course, the largest group of all: the back yard birders.

Most of the time I am a B. Y. B. But I **do** keep track of new birds and where they were spotted. In May, I got caught up in "listing" when I visited Miami, Florida. In less than a week, my sister, her husband and I racked up 90 species, 49 of which were new birds to me. I must say, it was exhilarating!

When visiting a new area, contacting the local Audubon group can be a big help in locating birds you wish to see. As a secretary and a board member of Audubon, my sister was my very own source. Even with "hot tips" from fellow birders, we missed some birds we had expected to see. I was so caught up in our quest that I agreed to bird at a sewage treatment plant. . . in the rain!

Southern Florida is very flat, featuring "cloudscapes" rather than landscapes. Habitat for birds varies: grassland, pineland, swampland, saltwater and hammocks (dense clumps of broad-leaved trees surrounded by contrasting types of plant growth). So there is great diversity in types, if not in sheer numbers, of birds. Unique species of birds, as well as mammals and reptiles, can be seen here and nowhere else. Being with someone from the area is a big help; they know what to look for and where to look.

California birders are a bit spoiled because we have large numbers of

birds and we have a wide variety due to our unique habitats and because many birds pass through our state during migration. Nevertheless, it is the birder's insatiable curiosity which causes us to carry our field guides and binoculars wherever we may wander.

— MEG PAULETICH

EDITOR'S NOTE

There have been frequent notes and postcards of appreciation for "Back Yard Birder", and occasional inquiries about its author. The most recent one asked 'Is there a real person, Meg Pauletich?' and so she was asked and this is what she replied:

Meg Pauletich is not a pen name (who would make up such a name?). She is a real person who has lived in the Bay Area since graduating from Stanford in 1957. She was born and raised in the northwest where childhood summers were spent on her Dad's tree farm and where she developed a love of nature and animals.

With two children (Christy is 25 and Mike is 23) out of the "nest", she fills her time as a fund-raising member of a children's Hospital group, as a docent at Alexander Lindsey Junior Museum and travelling with her husband Dick. Reading, tennis and bridge are other hobbies.

A love of bird-watching blossomed after taking Barbara Bedayn's classes in Orinda 15 years ago. Meg recently completed a home course in ornithology from Cornell U. Writing the Back Yard Birder column has been an opportunity to combine two loves: birds and writing.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

From July 10 to August 9 GGAS's office hours will be from nine to noon

Monday, Wednesday and Friday. During this period the office will be manned by volunteers while Barbara Rivenes is vacationing.

FALL BIRDING CLASSES IN SAN FRANCISCO

Free evening bird classes will be offered through the John Adams Community College Center starting in August. Students may enroll at any time during the 18-week semester. Just go directly to the classroom, Room 227, Marina Middle School at the corner of Bay and Filmore St., on the day and hour listed below. Park in the school lot off Bay St. on the east side of the building.

Each class stresses identification, status and habits of North American birds in a two-and-a-half hour weekly slide lecture. The text for all classes is *FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA* by the National Geographic Society, available from the GGAS office (832-2222). The instructor is **Joe Morlan**, co-author of *BIRDS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA* and compiler of our weekly recorded "Northern California Rare Bird Alert".

Ornithology I is an introduction to avian biology. It stresses concepts in modern ornithology, including behavior, population ecology and evolution, illustrated primarily by common Bay Area birds. It meets Tuesdays starting Aug. 20 from 7-9:30 p.m.

Ornithology II is an in-depth systematic treatment of identification and status of waterbirds including gulls, terns and alcids. It meets Wednesdays starting Aug. 21 from 7-9:30 p.m.

Ornithology III will cover landbirds including flycatchers, swallows, wrens, thrushes and vireos. It meets Thursdays starting Aug. 22 from 7-9:30 p.m. These classes are sponsored by GGAS as a public service and all evening classes are free of charge. Optional field trips may be arranged on weekends for \$30 for eight half-day trips. Please bring binoculars and field guides to class if you have them. For more information call the college at 346-7044 or 239-3070.

CLASS ON TERNS

Dr. Stephen F. Bailey, Collection Manager for Ornithology and Mammalogy at the California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park, will teach a short class on Northern California terns at the Academy. Steve will emphasize identification, seasonal status and local habitat distribution of our eight species. The class includes two Wednesday evenings, July 31 and August 7, and a half-day field trip August 10. Space still may be available. Call the Academy at 221-5100 and ask for Suzanne Tucker.

CONDORS AND SHOREBIRDS WEEKEND

This summer may be our last chance to see the original wild California Condors (see your May GULL). For this reason, Dr. Stephen F. Bailey has scheduled one of his popular birding weekends for the best place and time for seeing condors. In addition to a full day of condor-watching, the trip will cover Morro Bay and the varied Santa Maria area that has produced so many rare shorebirds recently. It will be Saturday, Sept. 7 through Monday Sept. 9, the Admission Day holiday. Call Steve at 751-3313.

BUS TOUR: MONO LAKE AND YOSEMITE

Another benefit for Mono Lake sponsored by the Mono Lake Committee is a series of five three-day trips to Mono Lake and Yosemite National Park this summer. All proceeds from these three California Parlor Car round trip tours are: Aug. 2-4, Aug. 23-25, Sept. 6-8, Sept. 20-22, and Oct. 4-6.

Cost of the trip includes transportation, two nights at the Yosemite Lodge and a guided tour and catered lunch at Mono Lake. Based on double occupancy the trip fee per person is \$185. Trip participants will have ample free time to schedule such activities as birding or hiking. For information and reservations, call David Wimpfheimer at 956-7532.

THANKS, GGAS!

Attending the Audubon Camp of the West in Dubois, Wyoming, proved to be an invaluable experience. Through the college-level classes and the unique environment I gained an increased appreciation for the interdependence of nature. I also acquired many practical, "hands-on" teaching methods to use with my elementary school students in San Francisco.

The camp experience not only improved my awareness of our delicate ecosystem, but, I hope this awareness will be multiplied over the years to my students.

— JULIA HARRIS GIBSON

EDITOR'S NOTE

Mrs. Gibson attended the Camp of the West last year, assisted by the Margery Milner Atkinson Scholarship. In 1985 no award was made because of budget stringency.

GALAPAGOS AND ECUADOR TOUR

A few spaces are probably still available on the California Academy of Sciences cruise of the fabulous Galapagos Islands Oct. 13-22 led by our own Dr. Stephen F. Bailey. This unique archipelago mocks superlatives. The cost is \$1230 plus air (about \$1012). An optional pre-cruise tour of Ecuador with Steve from Oct. 6 is an additional \$675. This mainland segment is mostly in the highlands but includes a full day of birding at famous Tinalandia. Call the Academy at 221-5100 and ask for the Travel Coordinator. Tell her Steve sent you.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE FORMED

The first duties of the committee will be to establish criteria for presentation of scholarships for our members to classes at Point Reyes Bird Observatory and Audubon Canyon Ranch. The education committee will administer the GGAS adopt-a-classroom program as well. If you are interested in joining our newest committee please telephone the office at 843-2222.

— DAN MURPHY

DOCENTS WANTED — WALNUT CREEK

At the end of September, Alexander Lindsey Junior Museum will begin docent training classes to be held Mondays from 10 a.m. until noon. A love of children, animals and nature plus a bit of time are the only requirements. Classes and field trips focus on birds, reptiles, mammals, botany, insects, geology, California Indians and ecology. The museum serves the Bay Area with tours for children featuring live animals as well as pro-

grams in schools. For fun and rewarding volunteerism call Pat McRae at 935-1983.

VALEDICTORY

During the past two years much has been accomplished in GGAS. As I leave the presidency of our Society, I believe we have a stable, effective organization. Our officers and board members brought us from a position of fiscal crisis to one of tenuous stability. Our membership is on the upswing and GGAS is more visible than ever before. We continue to serve our members with an outstanding newsletter an excellent slate of field trips and programs, and through a new, more convenient office. Our public outreach is spearheaded by our conservation committee and we continue our support for Audubon Canyon Ranch, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, and various projects of the National Audubon Society. Supporting virtually all of our efforts are our hospitality committee and our office manager.

I thank all my friends on the board who worked so hard during the past year: Art Feinstein, Shirley Kelly, Ross Jennings, Nicola Selph, Ruth Dement, Woody Kuehn, Hazel Houston,, John Nutt, Chris Swarth, Nancy Conzett, Jon Zablackis, Helen Green, Leon Abrams and Don Sanford. Barbara Rivenes, our office manager, has been tremendous help to me, the Board and our members thanks. I would also like to express my gratitude to Joan Murphy, Ruth Vose, Joe Morlan, Steve Bailey, Meg Pauletich, Chris Carpenter, Bob Conrath, Nicki and Tom Spillane, Bruce Howard, Don Rivenes, Kurt Campbell, and George Peyton for their efforts on behalf of GGAS.

— DAN MURPHY

TEACHERS Join Audubon Adventures

GGAS will sponsor at least 15 classes in the Audubon Adventures program. Each class we adopt will receive a class set of the children's newspaper "Audubon Adventures", a teacher's guide, buttons and membership cards. The student newspaper is appropriate for grades 3-5. It is a fine supplement to an elementary science program. Teachers may apply for a one year membership by completing the form below and sending it to the GGAS office, 1550 Shattuck Ave. #204, Berkeley, CA 94709. Members may adopt-a-class by submitting the form and enclosing a \$20 check.

Teacher's Name _____ Grade _____

School _____ # of students _____

Address, _____

City, _____ State, _____ Zip _____

I am applying for my class. ☐

Signature _____

I wish to adopt-a-class.
Enclosed is \$20. ☐

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

The Society welcomes gifts in general or gifts in honor or in memory of relatives and friends. Such gifts will be used as specified by the donor or, if unspecified, at the discretion of the GGAS Board of directors. This includes their use for general GGAS activities or for special programs of the Society including Audubon Canyon Ranch of which GGAS is a sponsor. Please send your gift in the form of a check made out to the Golden Gate Audubon Society, 1550 Shattuck Ave., #204, Berkeley, CA 94709. All gifts are tax deductible. The Society is also appreciative of any bequests. Such bequests should specify as recipient the Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc. All gifts, donations and bequests will be acknowledged in The Gull as well as personally on behalf of the Society by the Secretary.

— SECOND CLASS MATTER



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